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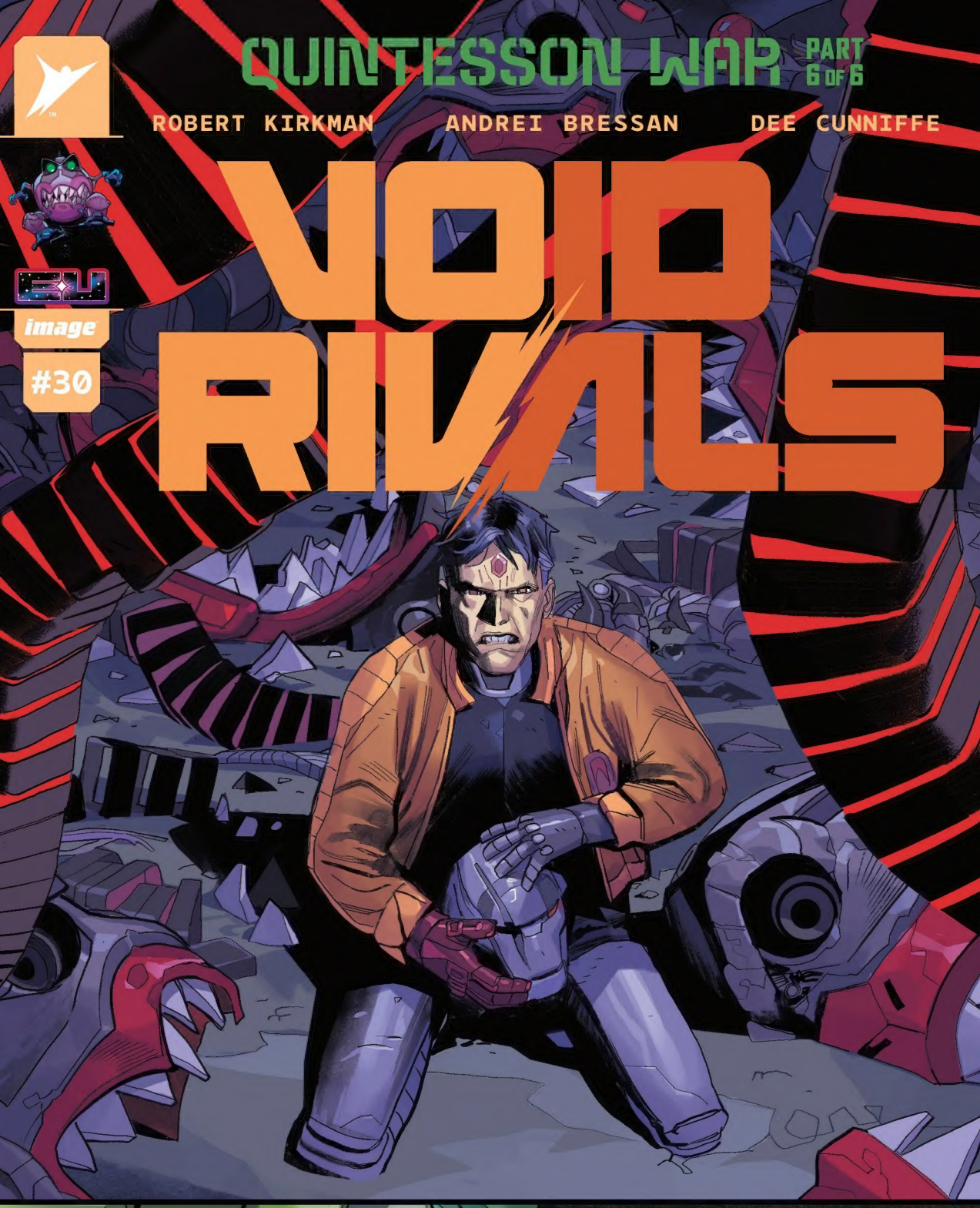

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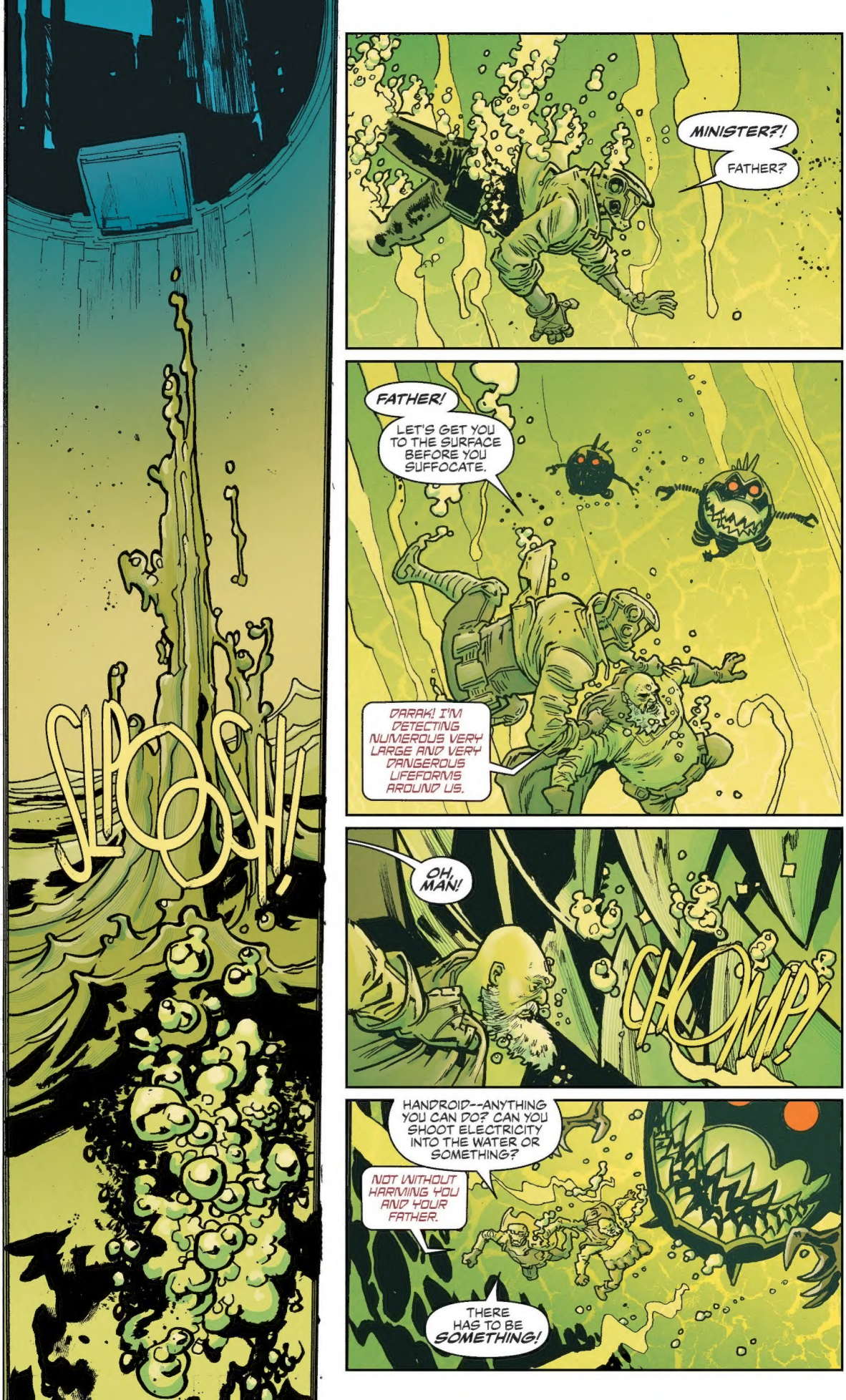
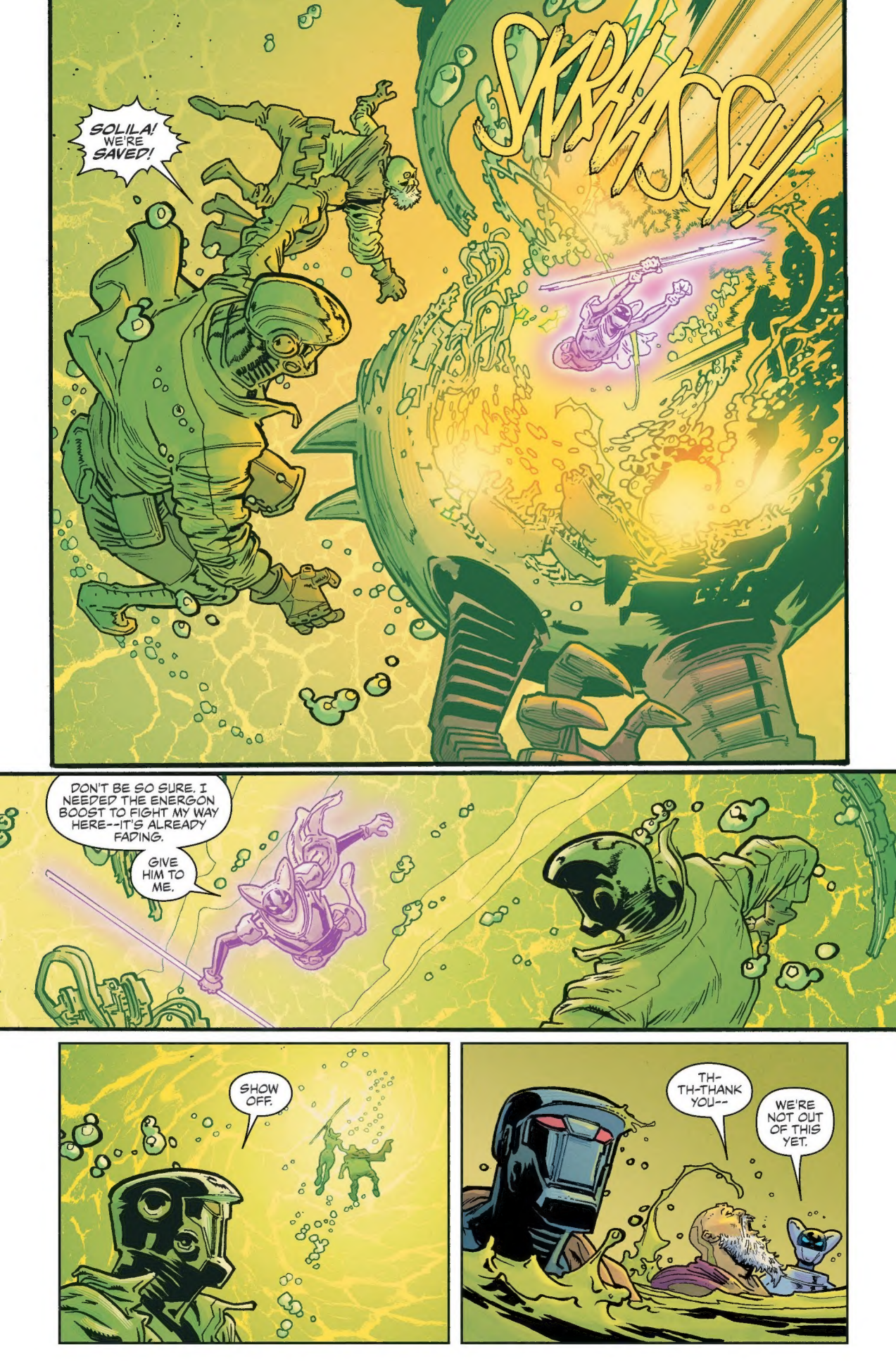
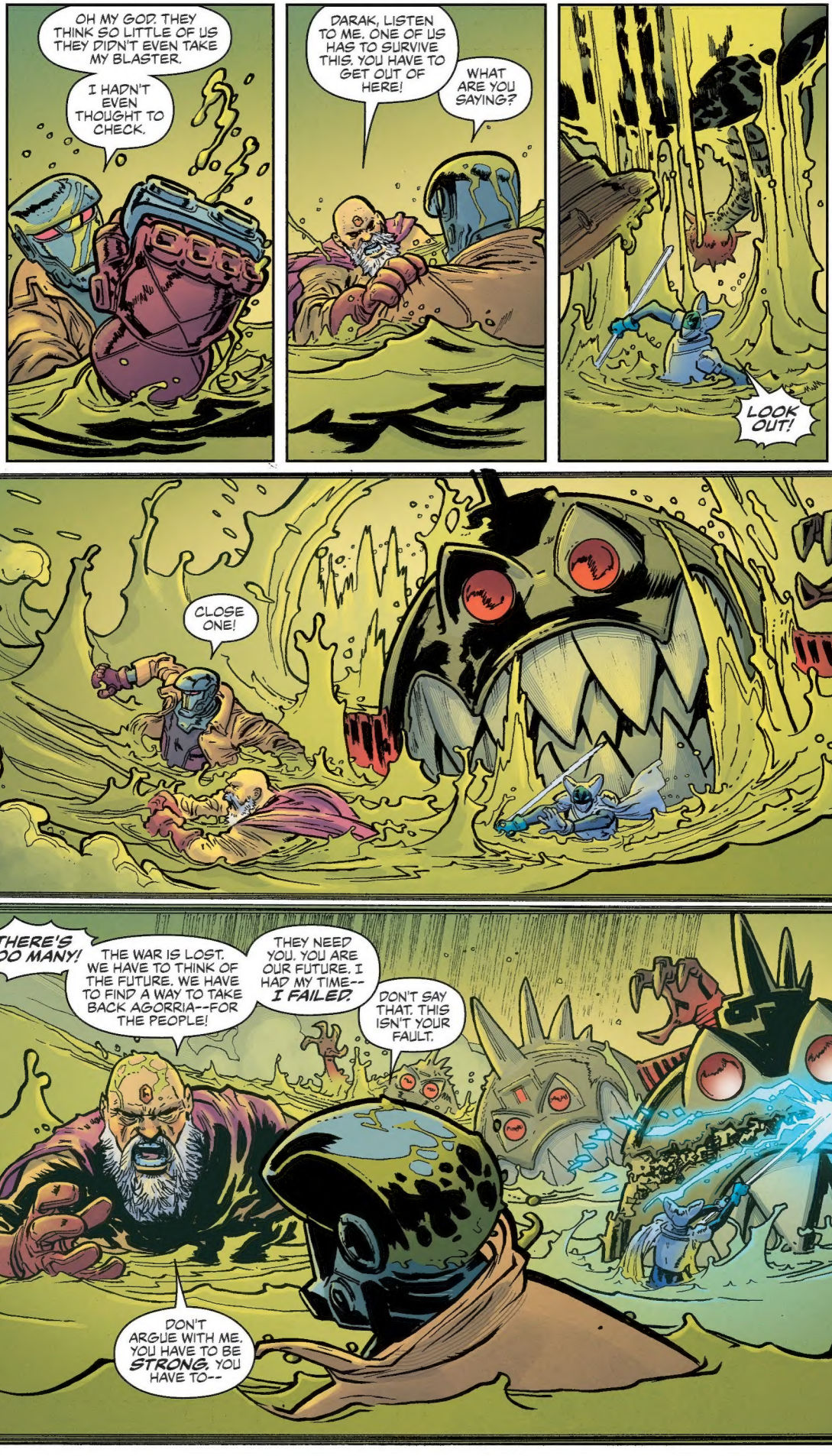
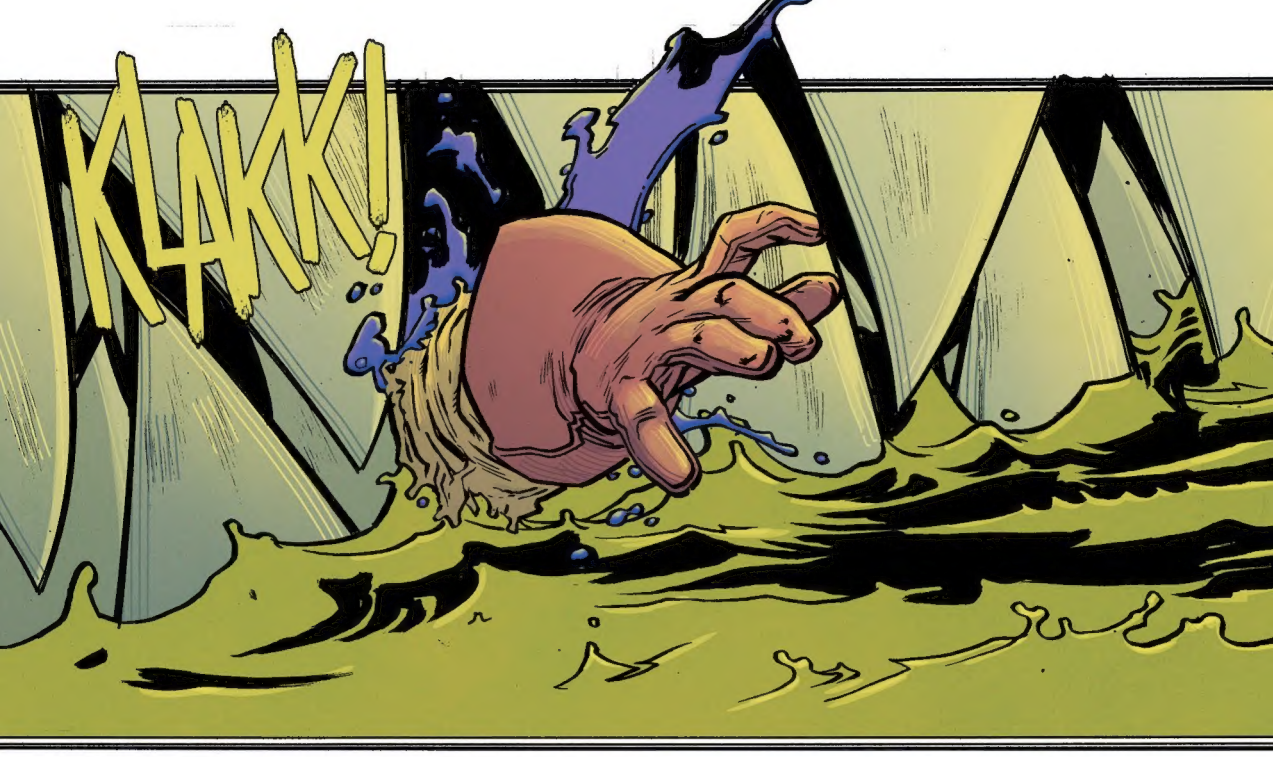

SPOSH!
MINISTER?!
FATHER?
FATHER!
LET'S GET YOU TO THE SURFACE BEFORE YOU SUFFOCATE.
DARAK! I'M DETECTING NUMEROUS VERY LARGE AND VERY DANGEROUS LIFEFORMS AROUND US.
OH, MAN!
CHOMP
HANDROID--ANYTHING YOU CAN DO? CAN YOU SHOOT ELECTRICITY INTO THE WATER OR SOMETHING?
NOT WITHOUT HARMING YOU AND YOUR FATHER.
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING!


SOLILA! WE'RE SAVED!
SKRAAACK!
DON'T BE SO SURE. I NEEDED THE ENERGON BOOST TO FIGHT MY WAY HERE--IT'S ALREADY FADING.
GIVE HIM TO ME.
SHOW OFF.
TH-TH-THANK YOU--
WE'RE NOT OUT OF THIS YET.


OH MY GOD. THEY THINK SO LITTLE OF US THEY DIDN'T EVEN TAKE MY BLASTER.
I HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT TO CHECK.
DARAK, LISTEN TO ME. ONE OF US HAS TO SURVIVE THIS. YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
LOOK OUT!
CLOSE ONE!
THERE'S TOO MANY!
THE WAR IS LOST. WE HAVE TO THINK OF THE FUTURE. WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO TAKE BACK AGORRIA--FOR THE PEOPLE!
THEY NEED YOU. YOU ARE OUR FUTURE. I HAD MY TIME-- I FAILED.
DON'T SAY THAT. THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT.
DON'T ARGUE WITH ME. YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG, YOU HAVE TO--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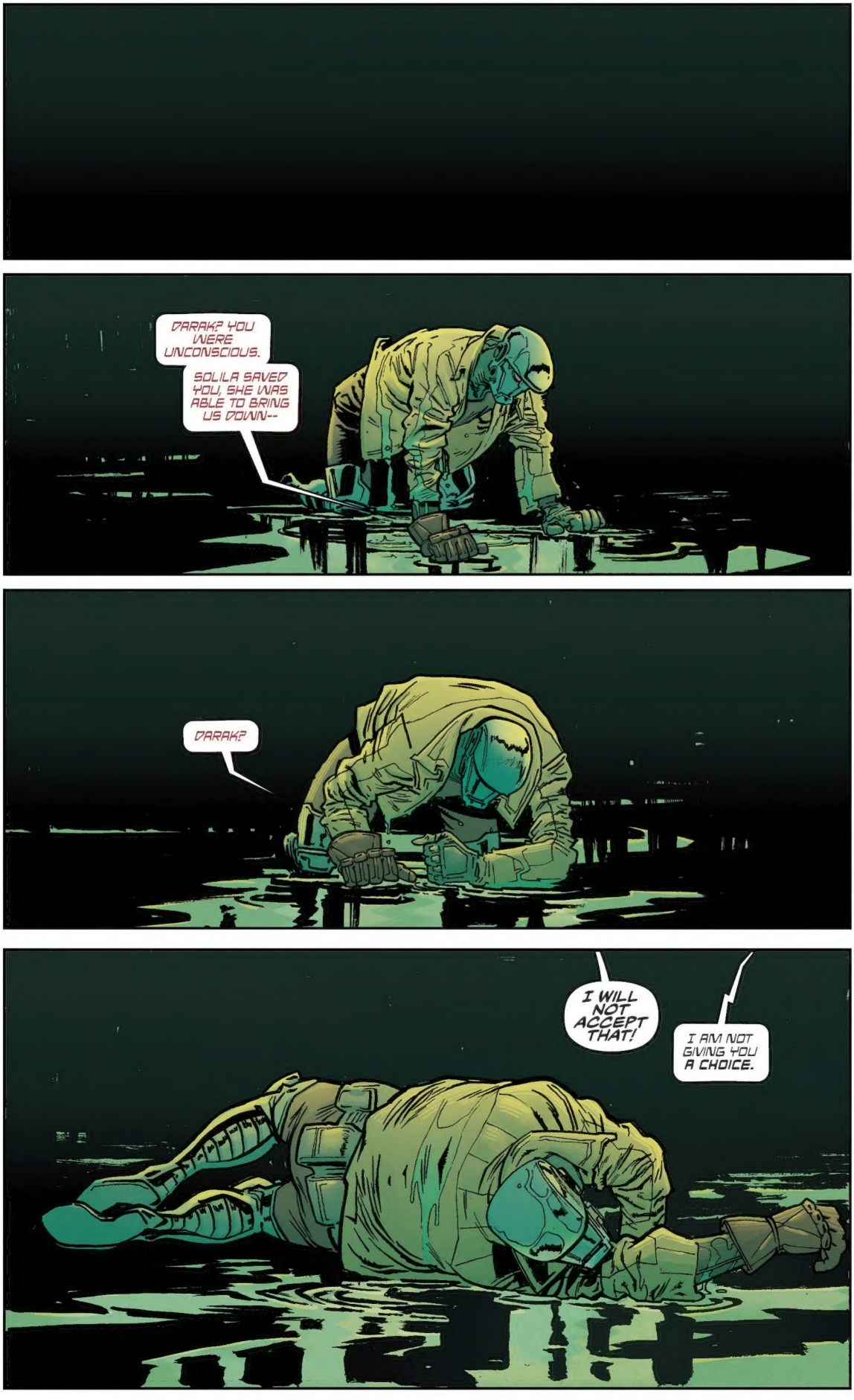
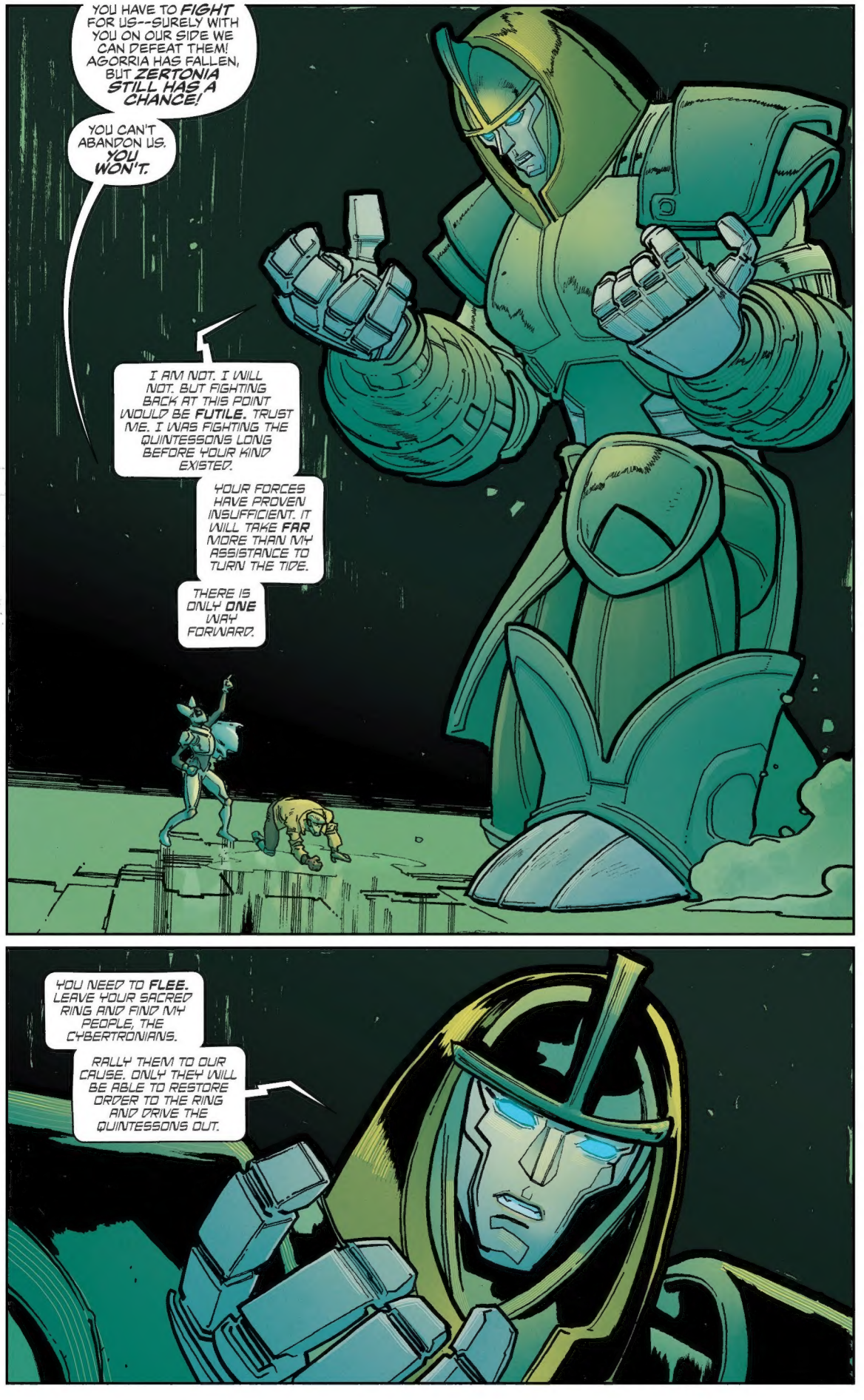

DARAK? YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS.
SOLILA SAVED YOU, SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING US DOWN--
DARAK?
I WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT!
I AM NOT GIVING YOU A CHOICE.


YOU HAVE TO FIGHT FOR US--SURELY WITH YOU ON OUR SIDE WE CAN DEFEAT THEM! AGORRIA HAS FALLEN, BUT ZERTONIA STILL HAS A CHANCE!
YOU CAN'T ABANDON US. YOU WON'T.
I AM NOT. I WILL NOT. BUT FIGHTING BACK AT THIS POINT WOULD BE FUTILE. TRUST ME. I WAS FIGHTING THE QUINTESSONS LONG BEFORE YOUR KIND EXISTED.
YOUR FORCES HAVE PROVEN INSUFFICIENT. IT WILL TAKE FAR MORE THAN MY ASSISTANCE TO TURN THE TIDE.
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY FORWARD.
YOU NEED TO FLEE. LEAVE YOUR SACRED RING AND FIND MY PEOPLE, THE CYBERTRONIANS.
RALLY THEM TO OUR CAUSE. ONLY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RESTORE ORDER TO THE RING AND DRIVE THE QUINTESSONS OUT.

I WILL REMAIN HERE. I WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF THE RING. NOW THAT THE QUINTESSONS ARE HERE, WE MUST AGAIN PREVENT **UNITY.**
GOLIANT CANNOT AWAKEN WHILE THIS CLOSE TO HIS MASTER'S GRASP.
FINE. I WILL DO AS YOU WISH.
BUT HOW? SURELY A BLASTWING LAUNCH WILL DRAW THEIR NOTICE. I WOULDN'T MAKE IT PAST THE EVENT HORIZON BEFORE THEY SHOT ME DOWN.
THERE IS A VESSEL, ALIEN IN ORIGIN, THAT CAN LEAVE LARGELY UNDETECTED.
IT IS PREPARING TO LEAVE ZERTONIA AS WE SPEAK. YOU MUST HURRY. **THE QUINTESSON TRIBUNAL** SETS HIS SIGHTS ON ZERTONIA NOW.
THEN WE WILL LEAVE AT ONCE.
SAFE TRAVELS, SOLILA.
RALLY MY PEOPLE. BRING THEM **HERE.** THE FATE OF THE SACRED RING RESTS IN YOUR HANDS.
ZERTA'S WILL BE DONE.

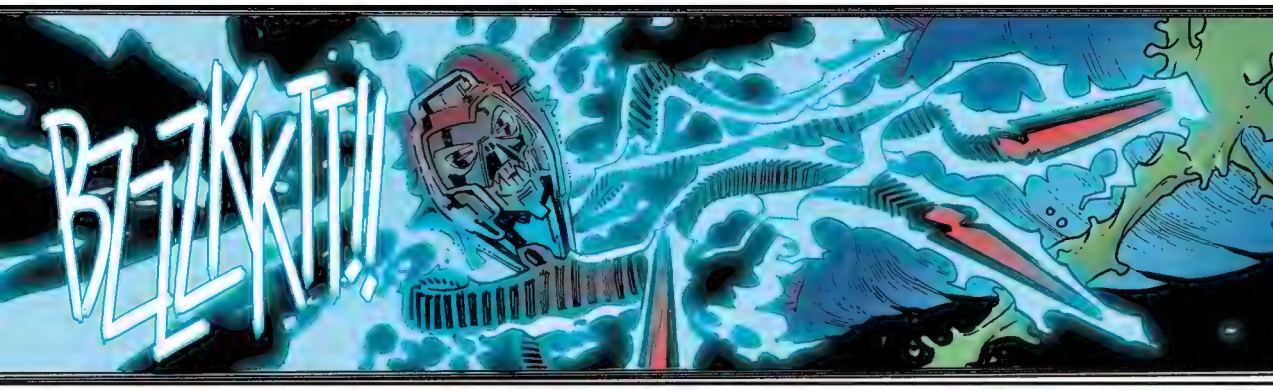
ZERTONIA.
IT PAINS ME TO SEE THE LEVIATHAN WOUNDED, BUT SHE WILL HEAL. SHE IS STILL SPACE WORTHY.
NOTHING CAN BE DONE HERE, WE MUST--
WHO ARE YOU?!
WE ARE HUMBLE SOLDIERS REQUESTING PASSAGE OFF THIS WORLD.
I PROMISE WE MEAN YOU NO HARM. YOUR VESSEL IS OUR ONLY WAY OF ESCAPING WITHOUT DETECTION.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
NOTHING PHYSICAL. HIS VITAL SIGNS ARE ALL IN ADEQUATE RANGE.
MENTALLY, HE IS DISTRESSED BECAUSE--
DOES HIS HAND TALK?
THAT'S UNUSUAL.

LONG STORY. PLEASE. WE NEED YOUR HELP LOCATING THE CYBERTRONIANS. THEY'RE OUR ONLY WAY OF WINNING THIS WAR.
CYBERTRONIANS?
I'M NOT EVEN SURE IF THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, SOLILA! HOW DO WE KNOW THEY CAN BE TRUSTED?!
WE KNOW ZERTA DOESN'T HAVE OUR BEST INTERESTS IN MIND. SHE COULD BE WORKING WITH THE QUINTESSONS.
PILOT? ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU ARE RIGHT NOT TO TRUST THESE MECHANICAL BEINGS.
YOU KNOW OF THE CYBERTRONIANS AND THE QUINTESSONS? YOU MAY BE OF USE TO ME.
DARAK? ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE. WHY DO YOU ASK?
TURN OVER YOUR WEAPONS, AND I WILL ALLOW YOU PASSAGE ABOARD OUR LEVIATHAN.
IN THE INTEREST OF BUILDING TRUST, I WILL--
UH, GUYS...

CHOOM!
WHAT STRANGE CREATURES YOU HAVE ON THIS SIDE OF THE RING!
THIS WILL BRING NEW PLEASURES! NEW JOYS!
NEW KILLS!
KEEP YOUR WEAPONS! FOLLOW ME INSIDE!
NOW!
I LIKE HER!
MOVE! MOVE!

I PRESIDE OVER WAR! BUT I AM ALSO VERY GOOD AT WAGING WAR!
AND KILLING! ALSO, KILLING!
TO KNOW THE QUINTESSON TRIBUNAL IS TO FEAR THE QUINTESSON TRIBUNAL! YOU ARE RIGHT TO RUN INTO YOUR SOFT FLESHY CREATURE VESSEL!
THOUGH IT WILL NOT PROTECT YOU!
WHAT IS THAT THING?!
VIPRIA! TAKE OFF-- NOW! BEFORE WE CANNOT!
YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE BEYOND MY CLUTCHES!
YOU ARE NOT!
KOOM!
HM. A WOUND. I SEE A WEAKNESS.
WEAKNESSES ARE TO BE EXPLOITED.

SLASH
SKREEEEE!
THE LEVIATHAN SCREAMS! WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!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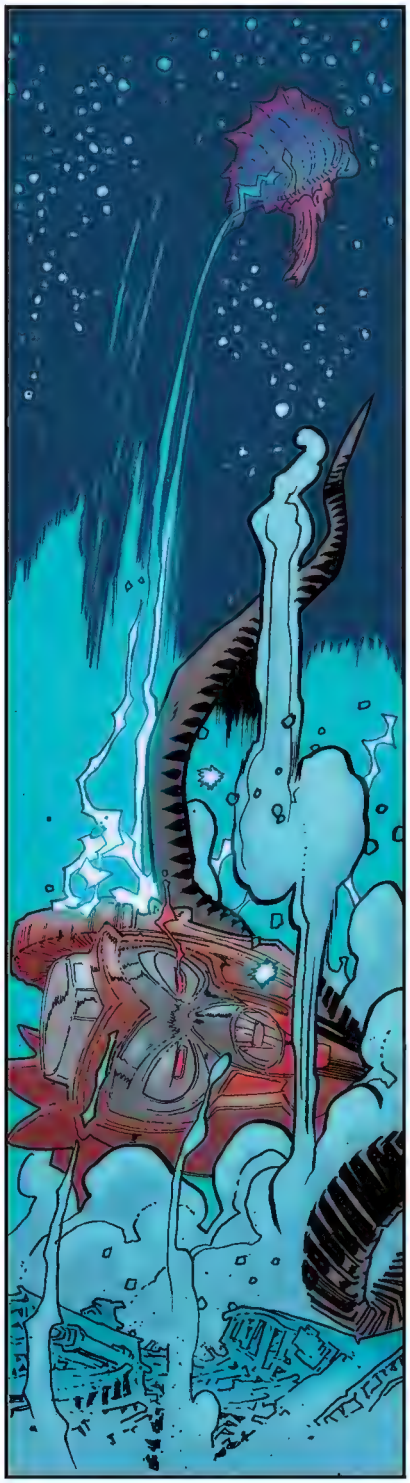
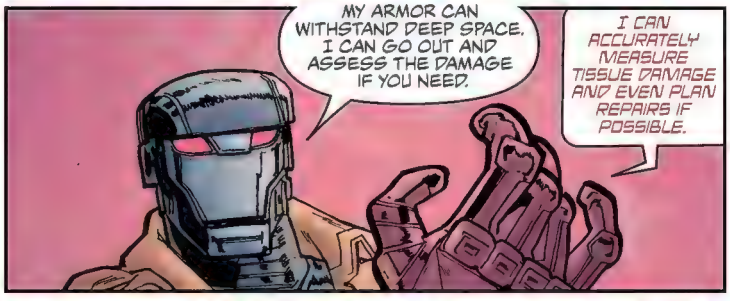
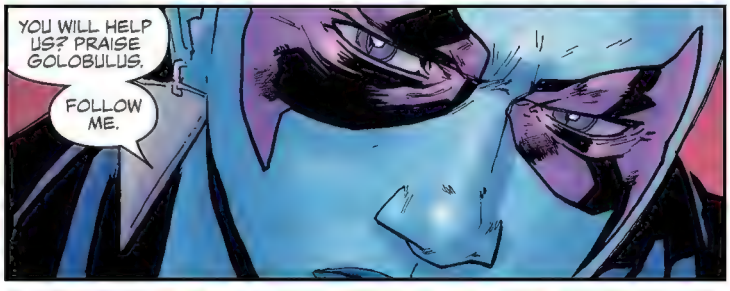
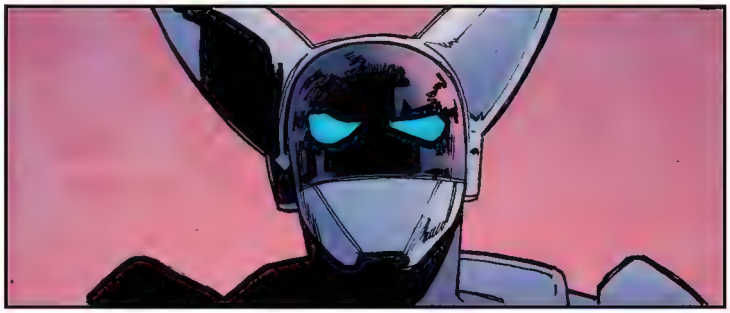


THE LEVIATHAN'S STING HAS SAVED US. HOW SERIOUS IS THE INJURY?
I DON'T KNOW! I'M TOO BUSY NAVIGATING OUR EXIT!

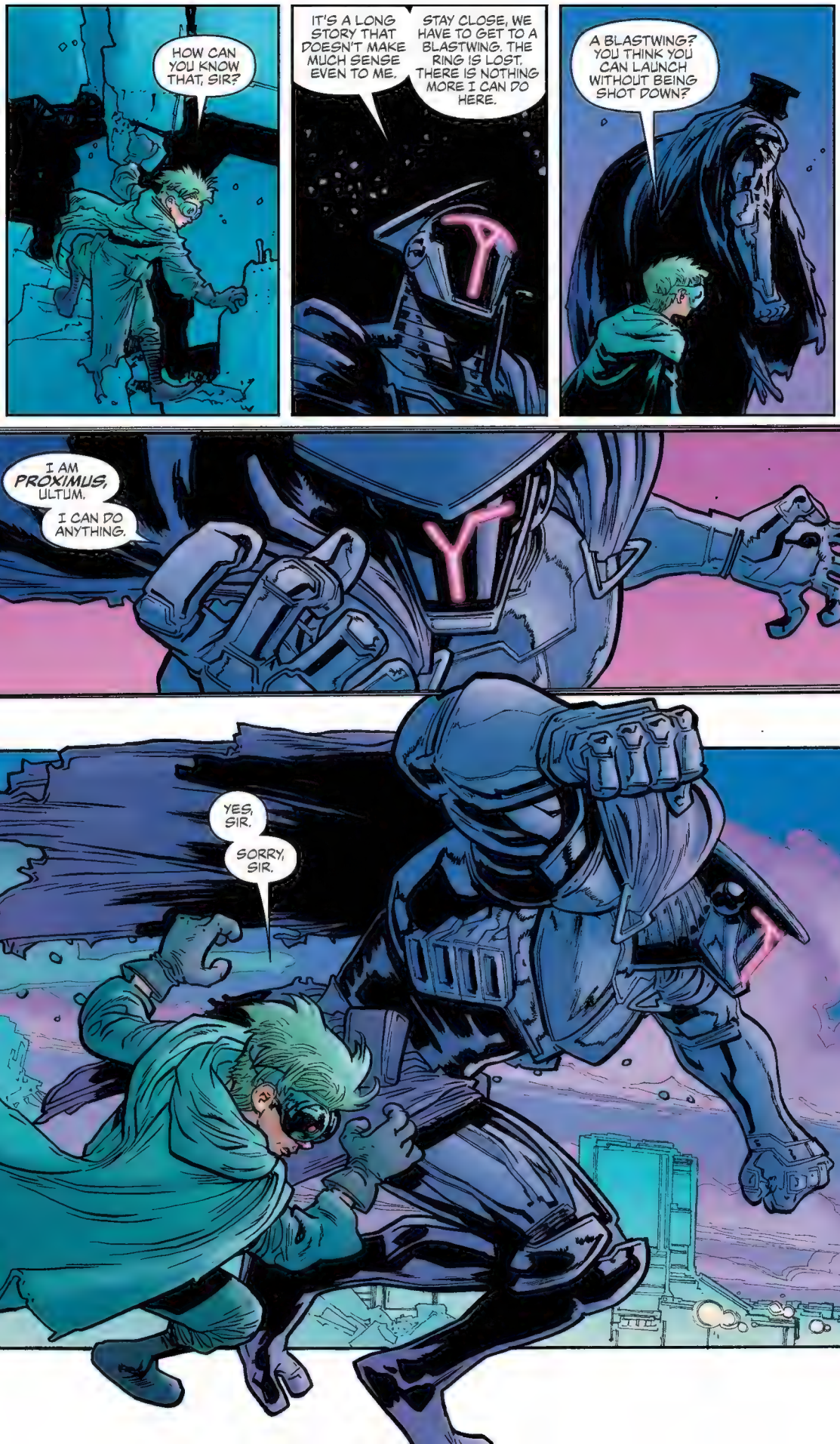
THE LEVIATHAN IS IN MY CHARGE!
WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE FOLLOWED THOSE WARSHIPS HERE.
IT'S TOO LATE. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW.


MY ARMOR CAN WITHSTAND DEEP SPACE. I CAN GO OUT AND ASSESS THE DAMAGE IF YOU NEED.
I CAN ACCURATELY MEASURE TISSUE DAMAGE AND EVEN PLAN REPAIRS IF POSSIBLE.


YOU WILL HELP US? PRAISE GOLOBULUS.
FOLLOW ME.

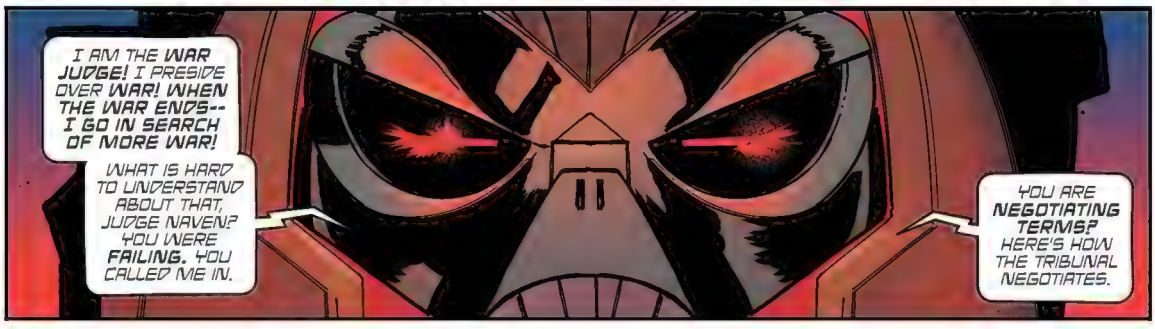


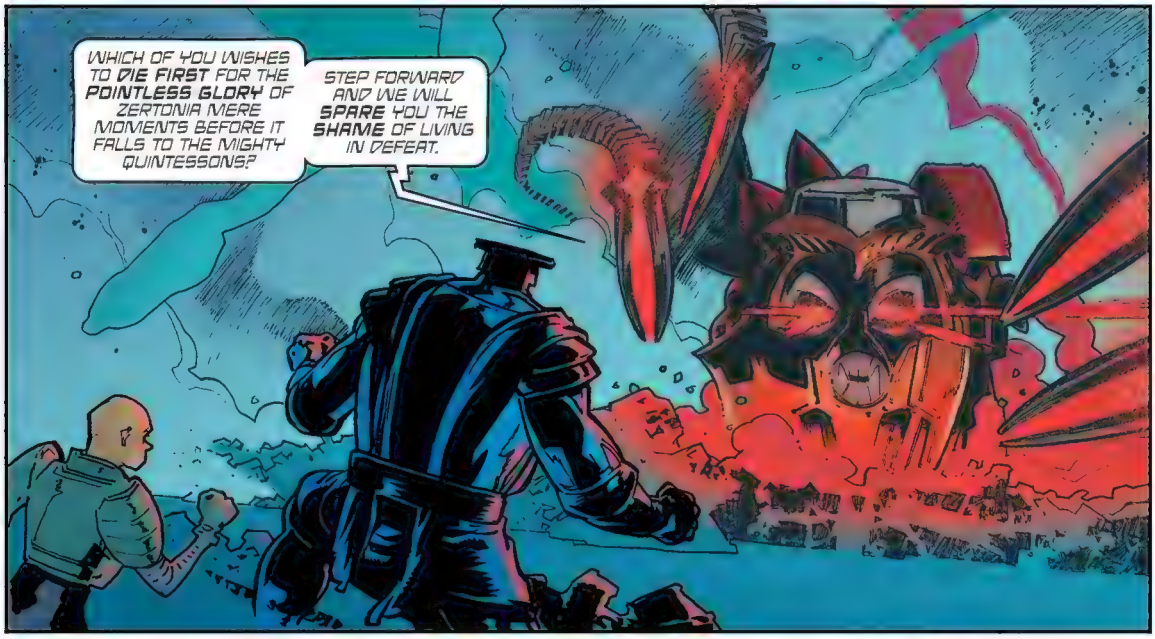
I'M VERY SORRY, SIR.
I YELLED FOR SOLILA TO GET HER ATTENTION, BUT SHE DIDN'T HEAR ME. I THINK IT WAS BECAUSE THAT BIG, SCARY QUINTESSON WAS TRYING TO KILL HER, SIR.
ARE YOU MAD? PROXIMUS? ARE YOU MAD AT ME?
NO, ULTUM. I AM NOT MAD.
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT LOSING HER AGAIN. I KNOW WHERE THAT STRANGE SHIP IS GOING.

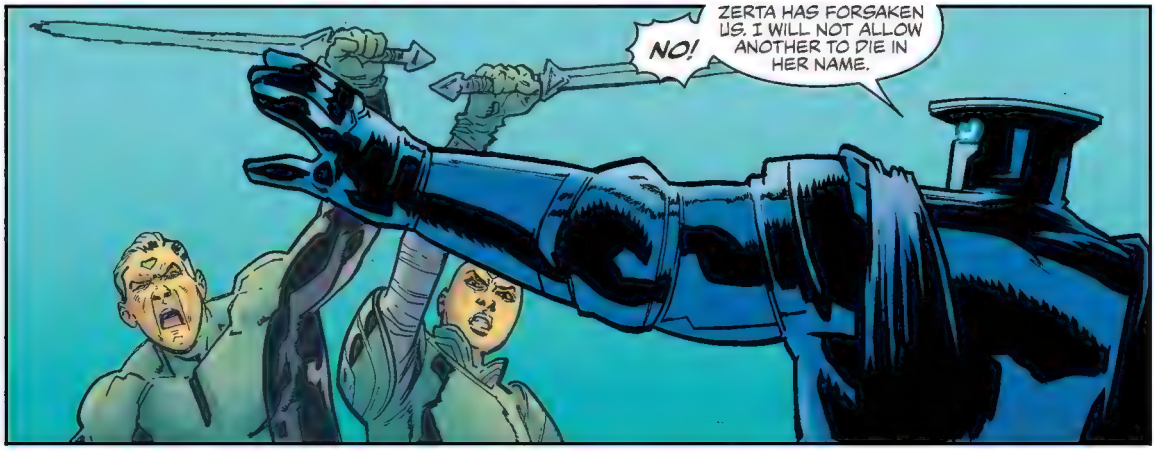

HOW CAN YOU KNOW THAT, SIR?
IT'S A LONG STORY THAT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE EVEN TO ME.
STAY CLOSE, WE HAVE TO GET TO A BLASTWING. THE RING IS LOST. THERE IS NOTHING MORE I CAN DO HERE.
A BLASTWING? YOU THINK YOU CAN LAUNCH WITHOUT BEING SHOT DOWN?
I AM PROXIMUS, ULTUM.
I CAN DO ANYTHING.
YES, SIR.
SORRY, SIR.

THAT WAS NOT DEFEAT. I WAS MERELY TAKEN BY SURPRISE. THE FALL BARELY DAMAGED ME.
I AM STRONG. I AM DEADLY.
I AM READY FOR MORE WAR!
BRAKOOM!

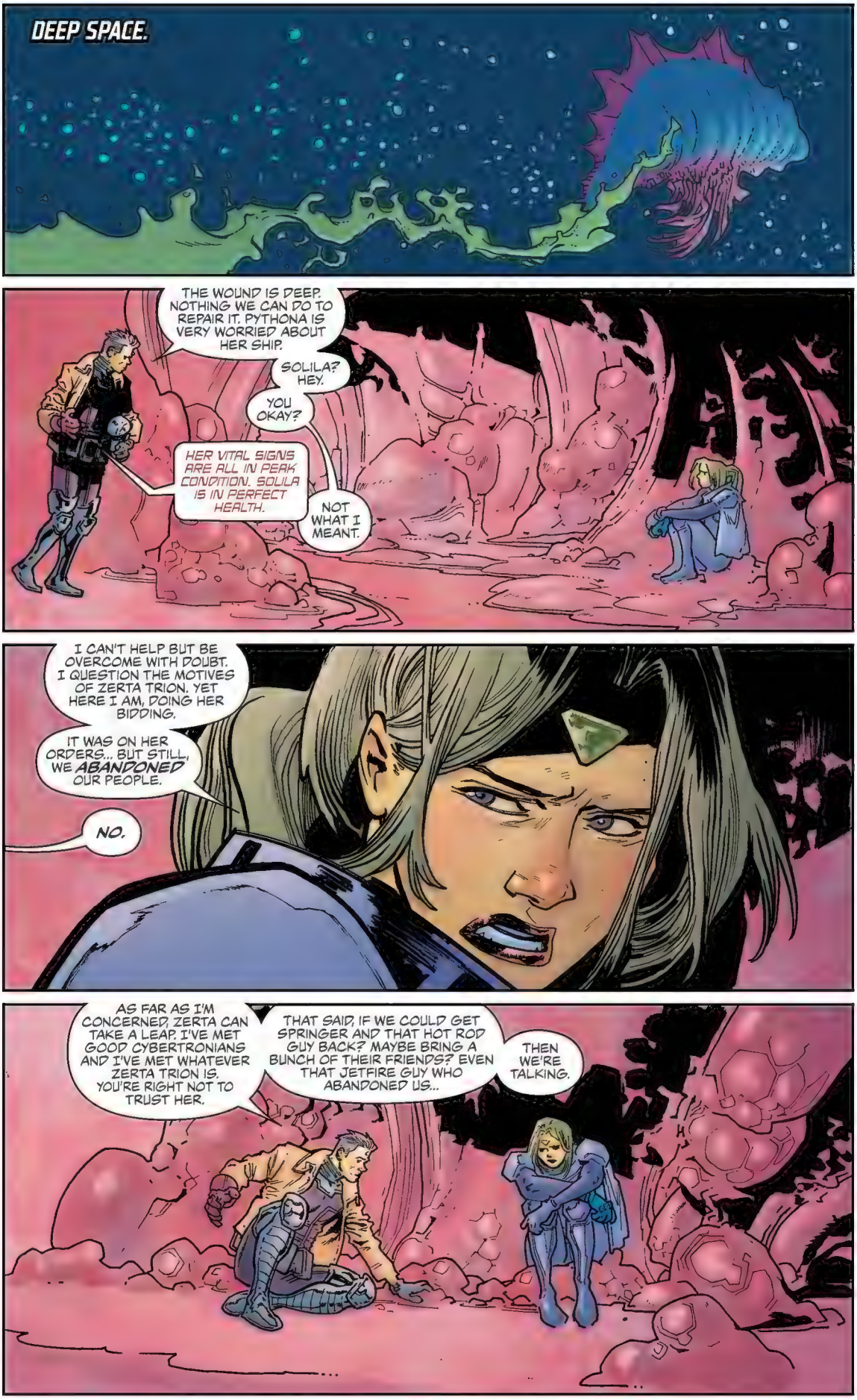
TRIBUNAL?! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? WE REQUESTED YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE AGORRIA TERRITORY.
WE ARE NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF SURRENDER HERE.


I AM THE WAR JUDGE! I PRESIDE OVER WAR! WHEN THE WAR ENDS-- I GO IN SEARCH OF MORE WAR!
WHAT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT THAT, JUDGE NAVEN? YOU WERE FAILING. YOU CALLED ME IN.
YOU ARE NEGOTIATING TERMS? HERE'S HOW THE TRIBUNAL NEGOTIATES.


WHICH OF YOU WISHES TO DIE FIRST FOR THE POINTLESS GLORY OF ZERTONIA MERE MOMENTS BEFORE IT FALLS TO THE MIGHTY QUINTESSONS?
STEP FORWARD AND WE WILL SPARE YOU THE SHAME OF LIVING IN DEFEAT.


NO!
ZERTA HAS FORSAKEN US. I WILL NOT ALLOW ANOTHER TO DIE IN HER NAME.

I AM PREMIER ZALILAK THE GREAT! VANQUISHER OF SCORN. BRINGER OF THE DAWN OF REVELRY.
FOUNDER OF THE COUNCIL OF VIRE. FIRST CHOSEN OF THE EMBRACE OF ZERTA AND FIRST TO RENOUNCE THE INFLUENCE OF ZERTA.
I SPEAK WITH THE VOICE OF ALL ZERTONIA.
LET IT BE KNOWN BY THE QUINTESSONS HERE AND NOW...
WE SURRENDER.


DEEP SPACE.
THE WOUND IS DEEP. NOTHING WE CAN DO TO REPAIR IT. PYTHONA IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT HER SHIP.
SOLILA? HEY.
YOU OKAY?
HER VITAL SIGNS ARE ALL IN PEAK CONDITION. SOULA IS IN PERFECT HEALTH.
NOT WHAT I MEANT.
I CAN'T HELP BUT BE OVERCOME WITH DOUBT. I QUESTION THE MOTIVES OF ZERTA TRION. YET HERE I AM, DOING HER BIDDING.
IT WAS ON HER ORDERS... BUT STILL, WE ABANDONED OUR PEOPLE.
NO.
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, ZERTA CAN TAKE A LEAP. I'VE MET GOOD CYBERTRONIANS AND I'VE MET WHATEVER ZERTA TRION IS. YOU'RE RIGHT NOT TO TRUST HER.
THAT SAID, IF WE COULD GET SPRINGER AND THAT HOT ROD GUY BACK? MAYBE BRING A BUNCH OF THEIR FRIENDS? EVEN THAT JETFIRE GUY WHO ABANDONED US...
THEN WE'RE TALKING.

SO, NO. WE DIDN'T ABANDON OUR PEOPLE.
WE'RE GOING TO GET HELP-- LOTS OF IT, AND WE'RE COMING BACK. AND WE'RE GOING TO SEND THOSE QUINTESSONS PACKING FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO US.
THIS WAR IS FAR FROM OVER.

TALK TO THE HANDROID

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO VOIDRIVALS@EXYBOUND.COM

The Sacred Ring has fallen and our heroes are once again on the run…but Darak and Solila are reunited and I know fans will rejoice! Welcome to the 30th issue of this series…time flies when you're having fun! Are you having fun, best-selling and acclaimed writer, Robert Kirkman?

ALWAYS, Ben. Always!

Now, before we dive into the mail, I have to give a huge thank you and congrats to Andrei Bressan for his astounding work on this arc of the series. I've been wanting to work with Andrei since his work on BIRTHRIGHT with one Joshua Williamson. So it was a real joy that it finally happened. I think we can all agree he gave this arc the kind of chaotic action you'd want for such a sprawling war!

Starting next issue, Conor Hughes will be back on the series… and he'll be bringing along a certain space pig who's been frustratingly absent from the series of late. But more on that at the end of the column.

You guys ready for some mail? Ben, what do you say?

Let's see what the Handroid brought us this month…

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Hello, everyone!

I'm a longtime reader who's enjoyed this series, and the rest of the EU, from the drop. I'm a part of an online streaming show that talks Transformers, called Children of Primus, and I often plug this book when we're on. One thing I really like about Void Rivals in particular is that it gives me the vibes of a 1970s science fiction film. I can just see a live-action version of this with dramatic, hammy actors in yellow and green greasepaint, matte paintings behind them, as old-fashioned synths play on the soundtrack.

Anywho, a question: How old, in human terms, are Darak and Solila supposed to be? Seeing different artists draw them in different ways has made me wonder, since they seem to get younger each time the team switches. I initially read Darak, in particular, as being a bit over the hill, a 40-something trying to act like a quippy youngster, but lately, he's lost his cragginess, and become more fresh-faced. So yeah, what human-equivalent ages do you see them as?

Looking forward to reading more,
Anthony

Thank you for the letter and support, Anthony. I can TOTALLY see VOID RIVALS as a cult 90s sci-fi movie, good call!

As for human-equivalent ages, well, I like to keep things vague, but I will say both Darak and Solila are in their mid-to-later thirties. Just generic "adult" ages that you get for most superheroes like Batman and Captain America.

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RK + BA,

Too many characters! New ones all the time...always wearing weird helmets! And now...Sharkticons? Seriously? I think you've got the wrong series There. Solila and Darak haven't really interacted in months, IDT that's the real basis for these stories right? The names
do nothing for me, honestly; Vipria? What is that? Did you miss and E from Viperia? I got through the full issue, and some of it was not bad; but my comprehension of the Enormous Ensemble that is the cast falls with each issue! And yet still...I read on! How many issues you plan on doing of VR? I'm sure it's going to be more than Oblivion Song at least.

Cheers,
Andrew J. Shaw

Always great to hear from you, Andrew, and thank you for continuing to read and support the series!

Yeah, man. I mean, I guess we have a lot of characters, but we try to remind people who they are with hopefully subtle dialogue cues and VIPRIA is a RAD NAME. I will not have you insulting these fine character names! It does not seem to be a problem for the readership at large. I don't know what to tell you, Shaw!

Considering OBLIVION SONG only ran 36 issues, I can guarantee that yes, I will be writing more issues of VOID RIVALS than I did of that series.

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Hey guys!

Been loving the comic and Quintesson War so far. Love those silly squids getting some attention between this, Cyberverse with Judge Starscream and the scientist, and Judge Deseeus in the WFC show. On that note, with their army of "Terrorbots" (the name of the "type" of robots the Sharkticons and Alicons are), I was wondering if the "Terrorcons", the 5 bot combiner team of Hun-Gurr, Blot, Sinnertwin, Cutthroat, and Rippersnapper, who combine to form Abominus, may show up since they are canonically Quintesson creations in the G1 Transformers continuity? They're my favorite Combiner team and have great toys but unfortunately they haven't really gotten much of a chance to show up and shine outside a couple of Japanese manga panels, so I would love to see them pop up here if you have a place for them! keep up the good work, love the

book so far!

-Zachary

Thank you for the letter, Zachary, and hmm…not sure about the Terrorcons coming anytime soon. What do you think, Robert?

I'll be completely honest here. If I'd remembered that they were Quintesson creations (more so than all G1 Transformers), I probably would have worked them into this arc. I LOVE the Terrorcons! I pride myself on my knowledge of Transformers and G.I. Joe lore, but some things do slip by me. I need to do more research!

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Hey, Void Rivals team!

I'm sure you're no stranger to the Transformers and G.I. Joe role-playing games (at least to the fact they exist). Is getting a Void Rivals TTRPG using the Essence 20 system a thing that could ever happen? I think that it and M.A.S.K would be great additions to the roster. It could also be cool to get an official Energon Universe campaign setting one day

Thank you!
Davis

Fun idea, David, and I'd love to see it…but there are no plans that I'm aware of…

It's completely within Hasbro's capabilities to do that! Not our department, so we just don't know.

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Void Rivals Team,

I've been reading since issue 1, and I gotta say that out of all the comics I read/buy each month (probably too many), the EU is definitely the spread of titles I look most forward to. I'm 27, so I didn't really grow up with G.I. Joe, making the EU my first real gateway into the world aside from knowing who people like Snake Eyes and Cobra Commander are.

Who was that first one you mentioned?! Snake something?

Transformers has been in my blood since I was a toddler, since there's been an animated show going on pretty much at all times since I could remember. Having gone back and seen G1 and the original movie thanks to my uncle Kevin (R.I.P.), I grew to love them even more, and it makes the EU version very special to me.

Void Rivals is a whole new beast altogether. Something both familiar and brand new that manages to swiftly glide between the typical pitfalls of shared universe storytelling while also carving out new ground for what it's capable of And that goes for all the EU titles (can't wait for M.A.S.K.!). I adore Darak, Solila, Handroid, and Skuxxoid to death and each artist that's come on board has done a tremendous job keeping tonal and visual continuity whilst being able to showcase their own style and flavor with this world.

As for something I'd like to see in the future? It may be a longshot, but I really think Lockdown has potential. An unaffiliated Cybertronian bounty hunter that keeps trophies of weapons from his prey? That sounds like something really fun and interesting for the VR homies to deal with. Again. Longshot, I know. But I think it could be neat.

Loving the EU to death and can't wait for more.

Also what's the deal with Zerta Trion? Jeeze, she can be *mean* when she doesn't get her way.

- Andrew

Two Andrews in one letter column! Amazing! I'm so thrilled you're enjoying what we're building here in the Energon Universe… and Lockdown? Hmm…did you check out TRANSFORMERS #32 this month…?

You should really check out that issue of TRANSFORMERS, Andrew! Why? No reason! As for Zerta Trion, cut her some slack. She's got a lot going on!

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Hi Everyone!

I have really been enjoying the book! The whole Energon Universe has reinvigorated my interest in ongoing comics, and with Void Rivals, It's been nice to have a story with its own original characters and plot, that just so happen to fit within the Transformers/G.I. Joe lore, and the fun that comes along with that connection.

My question is one for this title but also for comic writing in general: What is your view on the balance between writing for individual issues versus a later collected volume? For instance, having a last page cliffhanger that will only have that cliffhanger impact in the single issue, forever after in a TPB where the story continues right on to the next page. As someone who bounces between reading issue-by-issue and collected editions, depending on the title, I've always wondered what that balance must be to keep each issue engaging while still keeping a collective volume in mind.

Thank you!
Drake

Thank YOU, Drake! Appreciate your support.

Well, I try to achieve a sort of "wheels within wheels" kind of story style. I try to write complete issues that are entertaining and have memorable moments first and foremost. But I also try to make sure those stories hold together in a cohesive run to form a larger story for the trade. Sometimes I do a better job than other times, but that's always the goal. When you put those cliffhangers at the end of every story, they don't read as cliffhangers in the collections, they're just exciting moments or twists that keep the story exciting and propel it forward. That's the idea, at least.

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And that's a wrap for this month and to echo what Robert said at the start, it's been a genuine pleasure to have the amazing Andrei Bressan join us on art for Quintesson War. His hard work, passion, and gritty, gorgeous inks will be missed, but perhaps we'll see him in the Energon Universe again very soon!

-Ben

That's right, people, issue #31 is another ALL SKUXXOID ISSUE!! How exciting is that?! Are you excited?! I'm excited!! WOO!!!

-Robert

ENERGON EXPERIENCE

Agorria is decimated and Zertonia has surrendered--The Quintessons are triumphant in their war. The Sacred Ring has fallen and its inhabitants dead or scattered...but is all hope lost? Can Zerta Trion realize her dream of destroying Goliant? Only time will tell...

-Ben Abernathy, Executive Editor

CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT

WHO: Tribunal

War Judge of the Quintessons.

WHAT: The most fearsome of the Quintesson judges, Tribunal has three unique faces--War, Death, and Dominion. They're only summoned in the most extreme situations requiring a special brand of destruction and retribution.

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT...

Darak and Solila have escaped the Sacred Ring with the aid of Pythona and her crew. Unfortunately, their ship, the Leviathan, was critically damaged by Tribunal and the journey to Earth is a long one. Darak and Solila lost in space? Sounds kind of familiar. I wouldn't bet against this plucky, motley crew...

CREATOR SPOTLIGHT

Q: Thank you for all your hard work on coloring these last few issues, Dee Cunniffe, but readers are dying to know...who would be your best friend in VOID RIVALS?

A: As a relative newcomer to the Energon Universe, Darak was there all the way guiding me through all these strange new worlds, characters, and factions. A stalwart companion as I rushed to find out what occurred before I was dropped helplessly into this mythos.

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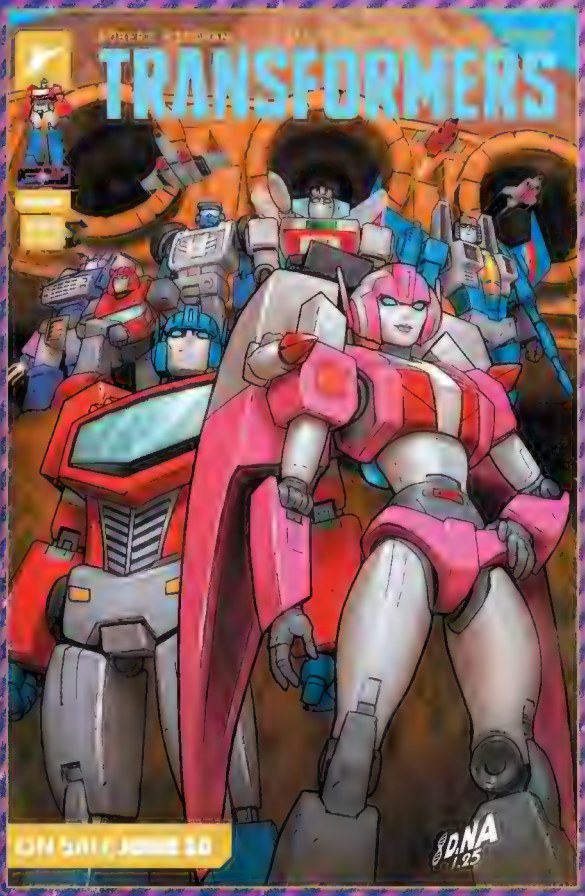
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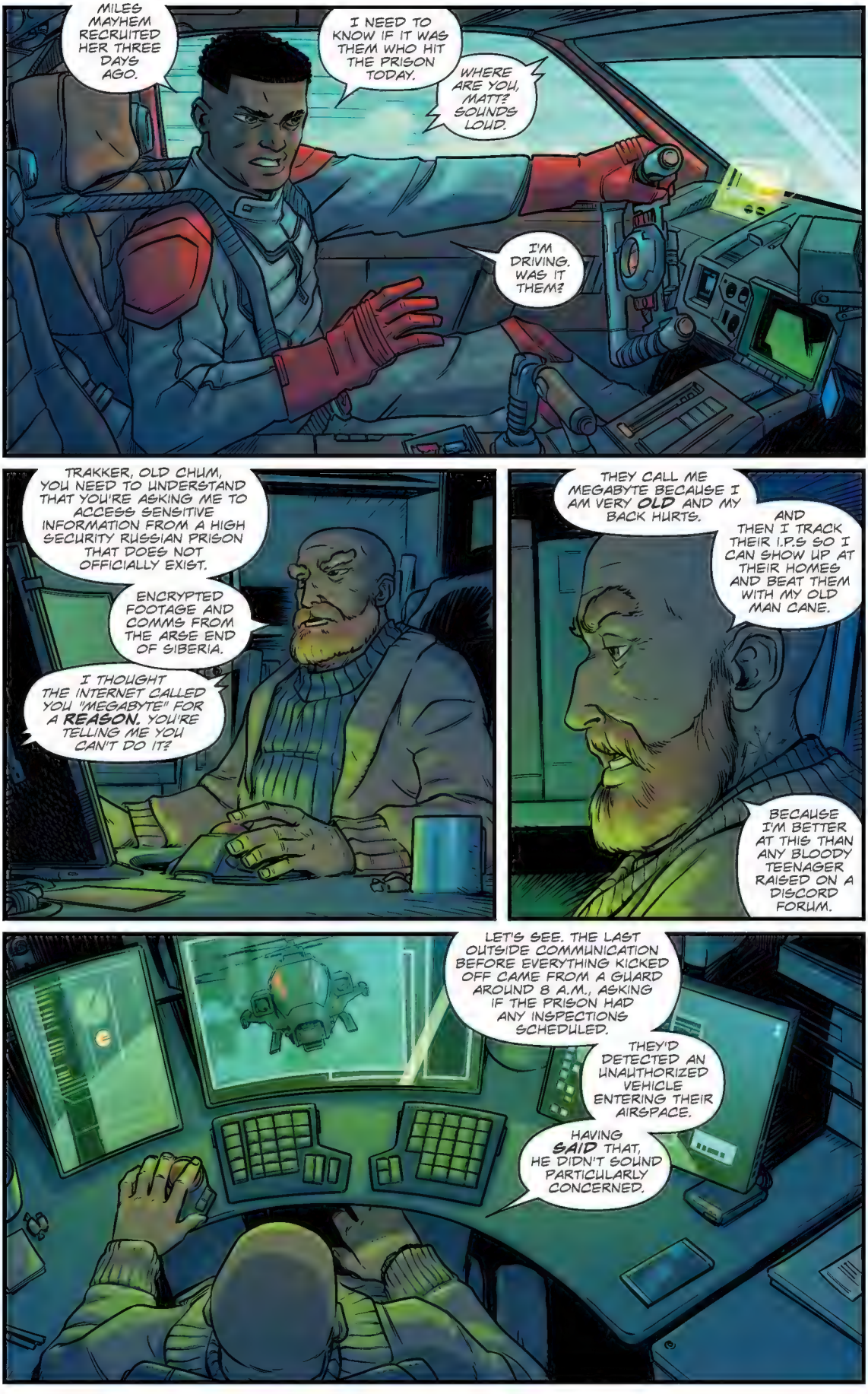
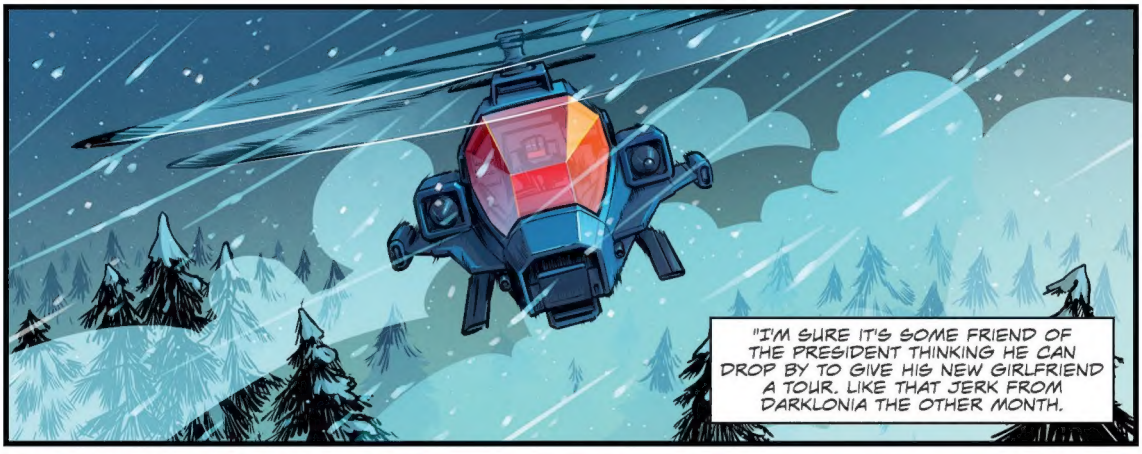
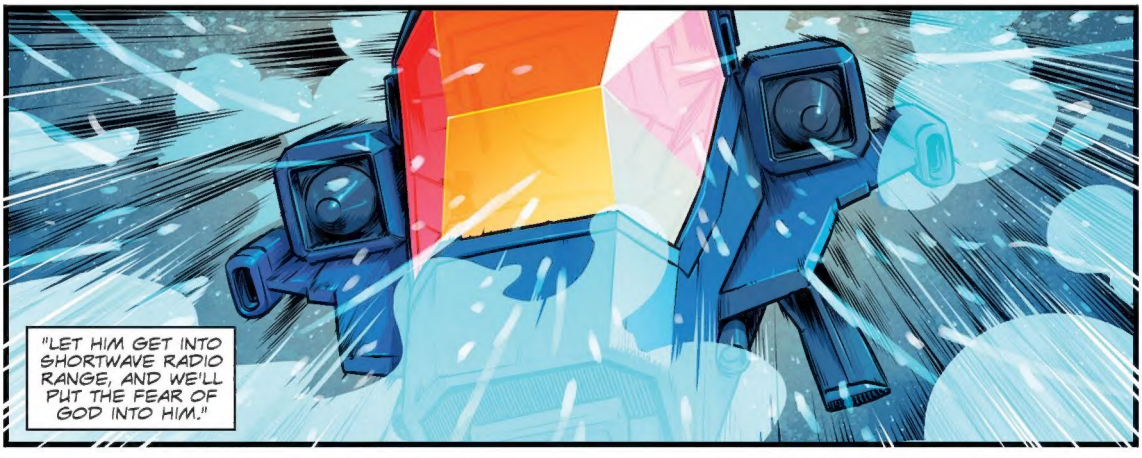

MILES MAYHEM RECRUITED HER THREE DAYS AGO.
I NEED TO KNOW IF IT WAS THEM WHO HIT THE PRISON TODAY.
WHERE ARE YOU, MATT? SOUNDS LOUD.
I'M DRIVING. WAS IT THEM?
TRAKKER, OLD CHUM, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE ASKING ME TO ACCESS SENSITIVE INFORMATION FROM A HIGH SECURITY RUSSIAN PRISON THAT DOES NOT OFFICIALLY EXIST.
ENCRYPTED FOOTAGE AND COMMS FROM THE ARSE END OF SIBERIA.
I THOUGHT THE INTERNET CALLED YOU "MEGABYTE" FOR A REASON. YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU CAN'T DO IT?
THEY CALL ME MEGABYTE BECAUSE I AM VERY OLD AND MY BACK HURTS.
AND THEN I TRACK THEIR I.P.S SO I CAN SHOW UP AT THEIR HOMES AND BEAT THEM WITH MY OLD MAN CANE.
BECAUSE I'M BETTER AT THIS THAN ANY BLOODY TEENAGER RAISED ON A DISCORD FORUM.
LET'S SEE. THE LAST OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION BEFORE EVERYTHING KICKED OFF CAME FROM A GUARD AROUND 8 A.M., ASKING IF THE PRISON HAD ANY INSPECTIONS SCHEDULED.
THEY'D DETECTED AN UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE ENTERING THEIR AIRSPACE.
HAVING SAID THAT, HE DIDN'T SOUND PARTICULARLY CONCERNED.

NO. NO NEED TO SOUND THE ALARM. IT'S A PERSONAL HELICOPTER.
NO WEAPONS ON A MACHINE LIKE THAT.


"I'M SURE IT'S SOME FRIEND OF THE PRESIDENT THINKING HE CAN DROP BY TO GIVE HIS NEW GIRLFRIEND A TOUR. LIKE THAT JERK FROM DARKLONIA THE OTHER MONTH.


"LET HIM GET INTO SHORTWAVE RADIO RANGE, AND WE'LL PUT THE FEAR OF GOD INTO HIM."

OKAY. IT WAS MAYHEM.
HOW DO YOU KNOW? PLENTY OF RICH BASTARDS TRAVEL BY HELICOPTER.
BECAUSE THAT WASN'T A HELICOPTER. NOT REALLY...

WAIT...WAIT, WHAT IS IT DOING?!

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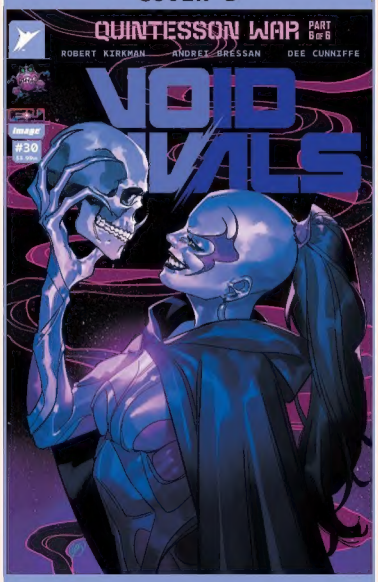

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